

## ABOUT THE NHVR

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

We administer the Heavy Vehicle National Law\* to facilitate a safe, efficient and productive heavy vehicle industry serving the needs of Australia.

As a regulator, we deliver a comprehensive range of services to reduce duplication and inconsistencies in heavy vehicle laws across state and territory borders.

We work in partnership with all states and territories, industry and local governments to help build a strong safety culture across the heavy vehicle supply chain.

Join us to promote safety by sharing the We Need Space to Keep You Safe videos, posters and fact sheets with your friends and family. Let's all give Australia's truck drivers the space they need to keep us safe.

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# WE NEED SPACE TO KEEP YOU SAFE

## Keep out of truck blind spots

Trucks may be higher off the road than cars and have bigger mirrors but that doesn't mean their drivers have a better view of what's going on around them. Trucks actually have much bigger blind spots than cars.

If you're in a truck's blind spot, the driver won't know you're there. So if they suddenly have to brake or change lanes, you're at risk of a collision.

Learn where a truck's blind spots are, don't linger beside a truck, and give truck drivers the space they need to keep you and everyone else on the road safe.

For more tips on how to drive safely around trucks, visit [www.weneedspace.com.au](http://www.weneedspace.com.au)  
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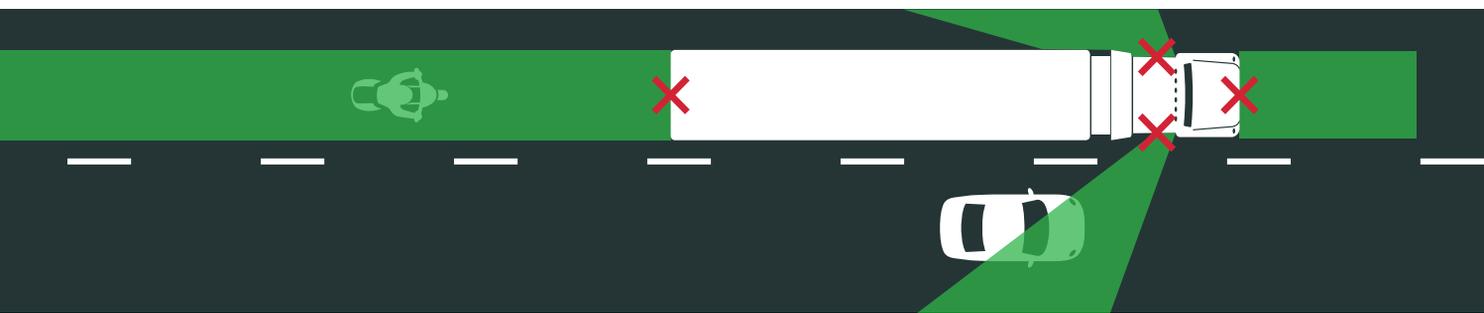
# WE NEED **SPACE** TO KEEP YOU **SAFE**

## 1 Learn where the blind spots are

Trucks have four blind spots:

- immediately in front of the truck
- beside the driver's door
- directly behind the truck
- on the passenger's side, from the door extending out across three lanes along the length of the truck.

If you have to drive through these areas to pass a truck, make sure you're far enough behind for the truck driver to see you, indicate early, and then pass as quickly as is safe to do so without breaking the speed limit.



## 2 If you can't see my mirrors I can't see you

Truck drivers rely on their side mirrors to see what's happening around them. If you can't see the truck's mirrors, you're most likely in a blind spot and therefore 'invisible'.

If the driver has to take evasive action to avoid a potential accident, they may collide with you. Be patient and keep a safe following distance.

## 3 Watch for signals

When you're driving close behind a truck in slower traffic, not only can the truck driver not see you but you can't see what's happening up ahead.

Watch for the truck's indicators and brake lights so you're ready to slow down if the truck turns, slows or stops.